IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CAYDEN SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

## HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Cayden Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Maryland.

Cayden's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives

Cayden brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Cayden participated in his student government, Environmental Awareness Club, Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Cayden was involved with cross county and crew, achieving his varsity letter in crew. I am confident that Cayden will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cayden Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Cayden will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our nation.

HONORING SERVICE VETERANS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HONOR GUARD

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Service Veterans of Northern California Honor Guard for its dedication to honoring and celebrating the lives of our veterans in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and cemeteries in the neighboring regions

Since the first national cemetery was established in the United States following the end of the Civil War, there have been nearly 150 national cemeteries designated in forty states across the country. My home state of California is home to nine of these cemeteries, including the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The constituents of California's Third Congressional District and those who live in the Sacramento Valley region are grateful for

the service of the cemetery's volunteer Honor Guard and their work to gracefully bring respect and dignity to our veterans' funerals.

This extraordinary group of volunteers provides funeral honors for military veterans and gives a final salute to those who have bravely served our country. Thanks to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000, the United States Armed Forces ensure that any eligible veteran can receives full military honors during their funeral service at the request of their family. The Northern California Honor Guard performs up to 10 services each day for these fallen veterans, and all services are performed at no cost to the family of the deceased.

I know that the families of our fallen veterans join me in thanking and celebrating the important contributions of the Service Veterans of Northern California Honor Guard as we remember and honor the incredible sacrifices of our veterans this Memorial Day.

HONORING GOVERNOR CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ

# HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, I rise concerning the passing of my long-time friend and a great leader, Carlos Romero-Barceló, former governor of Puerto Rico. Carlos passed away on May 2, 2021 at the age of 88. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, as well as those whose lives he impacted during his tenure.

Carlos Romero-Barceló was a timeless crusader for Puerto Rico. Throughout his life, he led the fight for equal recognition of Puerto Ricans, and I was especially proud to work with him while he served as the Resident Commissioner for the island in Congress.

Carlos lived a life of public service for Puerto Rico. He served as Mayor of San Juan and then as Governor before being elected to be Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico in 1992. He dedicated his life to achieve equal rights for the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico. I was truly honored to know him and call him a friend.

I was proud to serve with him on the House Natural Resources Committee. There we worked together advocating for Puerto Rico, and I was proud to support his efforts to achieve equality for the U.S. Citizens of Puerto Rico. His tireless work deepened Puerto Rico's relationship with the United States, and I was proud to stand by him as a leader of the island.

We honor his legacy and mourn his loss alongside his family—his wife Kathleen, and his children Carlos, Andres, Juan Carlos, and Melinda—and our friends, the people of Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING DR. DONALD GREEN FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COL-LEGE

## HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outgoing President of Georgia Highlands College, Dr. Don Green. After serving as the Vice President for extended and international operations and dean of the College of Professional and Technological Studies at Ferris State University, he was selected by the Board of Regents as the fourth President of Georgia Highlands in 2014 and has faithfully led the College over the past 6 years.

During his tenure, he spearheaded the development of additional degree programs to best equip students for the current and future labor market. He also worked tirelessly to expand the accessibility of a college degree to more young people across Northwest Georgia and throughout the state. He presided over significant growth in Georgia Highlands' economic impact and student scholarship opportunities, as well as the addition of a new academic building focused on the STEM careers of the future.

I thank President Green for his friendship and his leadership of Georgia Highlands College. I wish him the best as he becomes the next President of Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GEORGE ROUSH V ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

#### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that George Roush V of Whitehouse, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

George's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2025. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives

George brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2025. While attending the Aerospace and Natural Science Academy of Toledo, George participated in Boy Scouts of America, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Skywalker Flight School, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, George was involved with marching band, and he earned his